## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 569 By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Matthew Craig Gordon, 2003 Valedictorian of Westview High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Craig Gordon is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Westview High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Craig Gordon has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and in our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Gordon has earned an exemplary 99.89 numeric grade average and has been named the winner of the Science Fair; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and well-rounded young man, Craig Gordon has participated in the SCOPE Leadership Conference and has been a valuable member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, the Beta Club, the Spanish Club, Future Farmers of America, the Tennis team, and the First Baptist Church of Sharon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gordon's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success, particularly as he enters the University of Tennessee in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Craig Gordon's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Janet and Phil Gordon, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gordon's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Westview High School Valedictorian, Matthew Craig Gordon, on his impressive academic achievement, extending to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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